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SUBJECT: SHAH'S VISIT TO EGYPT

SUMMARY. EGYPT ROLLED OUT RED CARPET FOR SHAH, INCLUDING TOUR OF ASWAN AND LUXOR ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENT SADAT. CHIEF VALUE OF VISIT FOR EGYPTIANS WAS THAT IT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS RADICAL CHANGES IN ME POWER RELATIONSHIPS RESULTING FROM OCTOBER WAR. NO NEW AID AGREEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED, BUT SADAT THANKED SHAH FOR SENDING 60,000 TONS OF PETROLEUM TO EGYPT LAST MONTH TO MEET "CRITICAL SHORTAGE". END SUMMARY.

1. SHAH'S VISIT TO EGYPT JAN 8-12 RECEIVED HEAVY AND POSITIVE PRESS COVERAGE. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTATORS PRAISED IRAN'S CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN AREA AND POLITICAL WISDOM OF SHAH. PRESS POOL CORRESPONDENT, WHO ACCOMPANIED PARTY THROUGHOUT VISIT,  
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TELLS US THAT CROWDS WERE MODERATELY LARGE AND, ESPECIALLY

IN UPPER EGYPT VISITS TO ASWAN AND LUXOR, CHEERED SADAT ALONG MOTORCADE ROUTES. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN SAYING PRIVATELY THAT TALKS CONCENTRATED LESS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES (SUCH AS IRAQ, SOUTH ARABIA) AND MORE ON LARGER GEOGRAPHICAL AREA PROBLEMS. SPOKESMAN TOLD ONE CORRESPONDENT THAT SADAT WAS ENDEAVORING "TO DO WITH SHAH WHAT HE DID WITH FAISAL BEFORE THE OCTOBER WAR", BY WHICH HE PRESUMABLY MEANS TRYING TO MAKE THE SHAH SEE ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM FROM SADAT'S PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE.

2. COMMUNIQUE BROKE NO NEW POLITICAL GROUND FOR GOE, BUT MERELY REITERATED STANDARD GOE LINE: UN RESOLUTIONS MUST BE SPEEDILY IMPLEMENTED TO ACHIEVE RAPID ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL; PROVIDE PALESTINIANS WITH NATIONAL LEGITIMATE RIGHTS; AND PREVENT UNILATERAL CHANGES IN STATUS OF JERUSALEM. GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVENED RAPIDLY TO BRING ABOUT JUST, DURABLE PEACE AND PLO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN IT. IRANIANS OBTAINED PARAGRAPHS SUPPORTING SHAH'S VIEW THAT WORLD INFLATION CANNOT BE BLAMED ON HIGHER OIL PRICES. BOTH LEADERS "REALIZED" NEED TO DEVELOP IRANIAN-ARAB RELATIONS AND AGREED TO ELIMINATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IRAN AND ALL THE "BROTHERLY ARAB STATES" (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING BROTHERLY IRAQ).

3. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, COMMUNIQUE REITERATED IRANIAN INTEREST IN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PROJECTS SUCH AS PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS, IRAN-EGYPT DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUEZ-PORT SAID PIPELINE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE GOI PARTICIPATION IN SUEZ CANAL WIDENING PROJECT. (COMMENT: JAPANESE WILL FINANCE AND CARRY OUT FIRST STAGE OF WIDENING AND DEEPENING; PERHAPS IRANIANS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND STAGE FINANCING.)

4. IN WHAT WAS PROBABLY A DIG AT USG STATEMENTS ABOUT USE OF FORCE IN EVENT ECONOMIC STRANGULATION, COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMED THAT SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS SHOULD DEPEND ON UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, AND SHOULD SHUN THREATS AND VIOLENCE.

5. IN BANQUET TOAST JAN 11, SADAT THANKED SHAH FOR AGREEING LAST DECEMBER DISPATCH 650,000 TONS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO EGYPT, AT TIME WHEN CRITICAL SHORTAGE IMPENDS. PRIMIN HEGAZY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MADE REFERENCE TO IRANIAN AID (NO SPECIFICS) IN INTERIM PLAN AND BUDGET PRESENTATION TO PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY LATE LAST YEAR.

6. COMMENT: VISIT WAS SUCCESS, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC IMPACT SEEMS NOT TO HAVE BEEN GREAT. SHAH APPARENTLY GENUINELY ADMIRES SADAT'S STATESMANSHIP AND SEEKS BROADER (ANTI-SHAH EGYPTIANS SAY "MORE IMPERIAL") INVOLVEMENT IN ME, NOW THAT OCTOBER WAR AND ITS DIPLOMATIC AFTERMATH HAVE RADICALLY CHANGED ME MPOWER

RELATIONSHIPS. WITH HIS COMMAND OF MONEY, OIL AND INTERNATIONAL  
REPUTATION, SHAH IS IN POSITION TO HELP EGYPT, AND SADAT SEEMS  
TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PAVED WAY FOR CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH  
HIM.  
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